



# Circulation of Knowledge: The Status of the Archive

Douglas W. Hume, Ph.D., Northern Kentucky University  
<http://www.nku.edu/~humed1/>

# Questions

- Ways of circulating and storing in accessible form information on cases of ethical conflict and violations of human rights, including but not limited to the Yanomami controversy and the responses to these by the AAA.
- The issue of censorship as AAA policy.

# My “Lens”

- Neutrality
- Those who are interested in the 'scandal' may find information to make their own decision about who is telling the truth, what actually happened, and what should be done.
- I believe that there are others who are more qualified by either experience with the Yanomami or with the key players in the 'scandal' that should be stating opinions about the matter.

# State of the Archive

- 606 documents:
  - 551 HTML [91%];
  - 50 PDF [8%]; and
  - 2 RAM, 1 Gif, an 1 MP3 [1%].
- Of the 551 HTML documents, 362 (66%) point to the source URL and only 96 (27%) of those URLs are still valid.

# Censorship

- The American Anthropological Association
  - Should the AAA host reports that have been recended?
  - Should these reports be hosted elsewhere?
- The Archive
  - Fair Use of Copyrighted Materials
- Internet Archive
  - [http://web.archive.org/web/\\*/http://members.aol.com/archaeodog/index.htm](http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://members.aol.com/archaeodog/index.htm)
  - [http://web.archive.org/web/\\*/http://www.nku.edu/~humed1/](http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.nku.edu/~humed1/)

# Teaching the Controversy

- What disagreements existed before Tierney's book was published?
- Who picked what sides and, more importantly, who stayed neutral?
- What was the process of vetting the claims?
- What, if anything, has changed?